

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Szoke, Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Ms. LaMarca and Mr. Spann were absent. All other members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway announced the Bid Package #3 for the Merrillville Recreation Center and referred to Mr. King for a report. Mr. King reported the Town Professional staff has reviewed the bids for the Merrillville Community Recreational Center Project and we do accept Core Construction recommendations in awarding the contracts to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for Bid Package 3, trade packages 8 thru 26 as highlighted in the attached bid tab summary.

Mr. Hardaway said let the record show that council man Spann and council woman LaMarca are present.

Mrs. Baron made a motion to accept Core Construction recommendations from Bid Package #3 and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a 4 -3 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for December 23, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no reports.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit had no reports

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no reports.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no reports.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no reports.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES: President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING: (Discussion and Roll Call)

Ordinance 19-31 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana Providing that the Zoning Ordinance Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana be amended by changing the Established R-, Medium Density Multi-Family Residential District to a PUD Planned Unit Development Classification. Mr. Minchuk made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Minchuk made a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 19-31 and move it to second reading. Mr. Pettit seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote

Ordinance 19-28 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

SECOND READING:

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Amending Ordinance 19-26 in Specific Part, of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2020. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 19-29 (Discussion, Public Comment and Roll Call Vote)

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Fixing the Parks Non-Reverting Program Fees for the Year 2020. Establishing Fees for the 2020 Park Department Programming. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzleac. There was no public comment. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 19-59 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Authorizing the repayment of temporary loans and extending temporary loans due to an emergency. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote

Resolution 19-60 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the General Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Uzlec. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-61 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Engineering Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-62 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Casino Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-63 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 within the Fire Territory Operating Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-64 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana transferring monies of the 2019 Budget form the General Fund to Fund 0184-2014 Bond Debit Service. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall Closed December 24th, 25th, and December 31st, January 1st

Plan Commission Meeting January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. **Cancelled**

Town Council Meeting January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Swearing-In Ceremony January 1, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Barron made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzleac.

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer